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From: Wes Kingdon

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Subject: GWP 5102-20-00 - Highway 64 Replacement of the Holdridge Creek Bridge - Short Term Temporary Full Closure

Good Morning,

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recently retained DM Wills Associates Limited (Wills) to complete the detailed design and tender package preparation for the complete replacement of the Holdridge Creek Bridge on Highway 64 between Field and Marten River. This bridge is scheduled to be replaced during the 2025 and 2026 construction seasons. Several years ago Wills also completed the detailed design for the rehabilitation of this section of Highway 64 between Island Lake Road and Highway 11, including the temporary full closure of Highway 64 for five (5) days south of Field to replace a structural culvert under a separate project.

The majority of the construction for the replacement of the Holdridge Creek Bridge is anticipated to occur **in the 2026 construction year**, and Highway 64 at that location during construction is expected to remain open to traffic at all times using single-lane, two-way traffic staging and temporary traffic signals to control the bridge traffic, as well as traffic from McLaren Road and Mountain Home Lodge. Notable traffic delays, queuing, etc are not expected as a part of this work.

Upon meeting internally with our design team last week, it was noted to us that for the final construction operation on the new bridge likely in later 2026, a special type of concrete will be used to join the 2 new halves of the bridge which will be highly sensitive to any movement or traffic loads during the curing period. Accordingly, the design team is examining the possibility of a very short, 10 hour duration temporary full closure of Highway 64 at this location for one single overnight period from about 9 pm to 7 am the following morning, to allow this concrete to be placed and cured without vibrations from traffic. The team sees this as only a minor disruption however given the fact that traffic will not be permitted to traverse the bridge site during this time, our team is undertaking an initial iteration of

consultation to determine if any emergency services groups have any concerns with this **short-term 10 hour duration full closure of Highway 64 for one overnight period from about 9pm to 7am later in the 2026 construction season.**

It should be noted that communications with both Municipalities (West Nipissing and Temagami) have indicated no objections to this closure. Once this project is tendered for construction in 2025, the tender documents will require the Contractor to alert all affected stakeholders well in advance of the planned closure in the 2026 season, with possible newspaper advertisements and radio ads in accordance with a Communications Plan for Traffic Management. Since this project is only in the design phase at this time, we are kindly seeking feedback on any of the latter as we continue planning.

If more information is needed we can certainly provide upon request.

Very kind regards,



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